

## 63551—Continued.

No. 28. January 17, 1925. Obtained from the village of Taichong. *Wong keung*. This is an important crop in this region, one village having harvested this year 1,000 mau (approximately 2 acres). The yield is from 30 to 50 piculs [3,570 to 5,950 pounds] of the fresh rhizomes per mau [about one-sixth acre]. When dried, in preparation for the market, the rhizomes shrink from 25 to 30 per cent. The rhizomes are planted during April, sandy soil being preferred, about 10 inches apart in rows 14 inches apart, of which two occupy each raised bed. The number of rhizomes planted on each mau varies between 3,000 to 5,000, depending upon the richness of the soil. (*McClure*.)

## 63552. NERIUM OLEANDER L. Apocynaceae. Oleander.

From Algeria. Seeds collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 6, 1925.

Seeds from wild plants growing in the Oasis of Bou Saada. To be tested for resistance to scale infestation.

## 63553. GOSSYPIUM HIRSUTUM L. Malvaceae. Cotton.

From Paris, France. Seeds presented by Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., through Walter T. Swingle, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 6, 1925.

*Coton Yerli*.

To be tested by cotton specialists.

## 63554 to 63560.

From Algeria. Collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 6, 1925. Notes by Doctor Fairchild.

## 63554. BOUGAINVILLEA WARSZEWICZII Hort. Nyctaginaceae.

Cuttings of a horticultural variety of this gorgeous flowering climber. Instead of flowering feebly all through the season, this form bursts into bloom in the spring with a perfect mass of magenta flowers which completely hide the plant, and then it does not flower until the following spring.

## 63555 and 63556. DIOSPYROS SINENSIS Hemsl. Diospyraceae.

Trees grown from seed of fruits produced by a single tree in Galland Park, Algiers. Doctor Trabut says the fruits are especially fine, and Mrs. M. J. Melia, the wife of the head gardener of Galland Park, declares that they are finer flavored than any of the kaki she has eaten. I think this is the white-barked persimmon which Frank Meyer saw used as a stock for the kaki in Nanchow, south of Shanghai.

## 63555. Plants. 63556. Scions.

## 63557 to 63559. ERIOBOTRYA JAPONICA (Thunb.) Lindl. Malaceae. Loquat.

These scions are from the governor general's garden in Mustapha.

63557. Since this variety did not have a name, I called it "Governor General." The head gardener said that it produced very delicious fruits much larger than the Tanaka, but that they were not good for shipping.

## 63554 to 63560—Continued.

63558. This variety, which Doctor Trabut calls the "Tanaka" and which he says came direct from Japan, has elongated fruits. According to Doctor Trabut it is the best of all the varieties for shipping.

63559. *Tanaka Type Improved*. According to M. J. Melia, head gardener, Galland Park, Algiers, this is a seedling from Tanaka and is larger fruited but not so good a shipper.

## 63560. FICUS NITIDA Blume. Moraceae.

Cuttings of the broad-leaved type which has been found far superior as a street tree here. It is called "Camellia" by Doctor Trabut and "Laevigata" by Mr. Melia.

## 63561 to 63568. PISUM SATIVUM L. Fabaceae. Pea.

From Trier, Germany. Seeds obtained from J. Lambert & Son, through D. N. Shoemaker, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 7, 1925.

Locally developed strains.

63561. *Rival*.63562. *Schalerbsen*.63563. *Schweizer Riesen*.63564. *Staatsminister Eyschen*.63565. *Trierer Bristallzlas*.63566. *Verbesserte Flämische Riesen*.63567. *Vorbote* (Eclipse).63568. *Yumi Schwert*.

## 63569 and 63570. PISUM SATIVUM L. Fabaceae. Pea.

From Goteborg, Sweden. Seeds obtained from Göteborgs Tradgardsforening, through D. N. Shoemaker, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 7, 1925.

Locally developed strains.

63569. *Sabe Svenske*.63570. *Sockerart smor*.

## 63571. FRAGARIA SP. Rosaceae. Strawberry.

From Orleans, France. Plants purchased from Barbier & Co. Received April 9, 1925.

*Eugene Trancon*. This dwarf variety, with very thick, short flower stems, bears bright red, superb fruits which are enormous, nearly as big as Mademoiselle Moutot, but of a more regular shape, resembling Docteur Morère. The firm, sweet, melting flesh is a rosy salmon and richly perfumed. This is a mid-early sort and especially noted for its early crop. (*Catalogue of Barbier & Co.*)

## 63572 to 63577. PISUM SATIVUM L. Fabaceae. Pea.

From Lyon, France. Seeds obtained from Leonard Lille, through D. N. Shoemaker, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 6, 1925.

Locally developed strains.

63572. *Du Chemin Long*, No. 10106.63573. *Mangetout Beurre*, No. 10337.